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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) Japan 09-081284
- (2) Japan 04-227557
- (3) Japan 02-002445
- (4) Japan 63-067665
- (5) Japan 04-295947

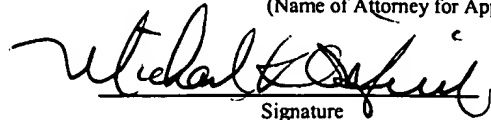
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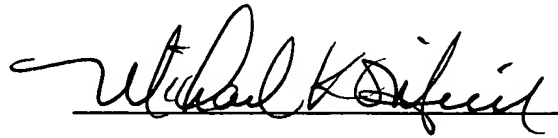
These documents were cited during prosecution of two Japanese applications from which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, namely Japan 2003-180262 and Japan 2003-180264. A copy of each of the Japanese Office Actions dated November 18, 2005 and November 1, 2005, respectively, are enclosed.

English language abstracts for the documents (1) to (5) have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as the present application has received an Office Action on the merits, but has not yet received any of a final Office Action, a Notice Of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution of the application, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). Accordingly, in view of the date of each of the Japanese Office Actions, Applicants submit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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